

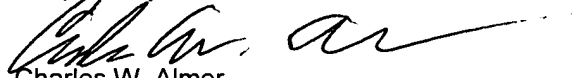
REMARKS

Claims 1- 6 and 8 – 12 are pending in the present application. Claims 1- 6 and 8 – 12 have been rejected in the present Office Action.

Claims 1 – 6 and 8 – 12 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,444,214, issued to Cole. Cole discloses dispersible polymer formulations wherein the polymers themselves are not dispersible and the formulations are only dispersible due to the addition of dispersible additives such as wetting agents and plasticizers. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation that the hydrophilic monomer be an acidic monomer. Support for this amendment is found on page 4, lines 22 – 24. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 6 and 8 – 12 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Cole.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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